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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFO ON CONSULTANCY PROJECT IN IRAQ
BY AMERICAN FIRM

1. LOCAL OFFICE OF LOS ANGELES-BASED FIRM, PACIFIC ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS, INC. (PAE), HAS BEEN ASKED BY UNNAMED SINGAPORE CONSULTING FIRM TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURE TO BID ON MAJOR CONSULTANCY/DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION PROJECT IN IRAQ, INVOLVING PORT CONSTRUCTION AS WELL AS REHABILITATION OF COUNTRY'S OVER-ALL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, INCLUDING ROADS AND RAIL. PAE REP ESTIMATES THAT, BASED ON HIS LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF PROJECT, ITS SCOPE MIGHT BE IN \$300-500 MILLION RANGE. PRINCIPAL OF SINGAPORE FIRM, SAID TO SPECIALIZE IN MARITIME CONSTRUCTION, ALLEGEDLY IS BLOOD RELATIVE OF HIGH IRAQI OFFICIAL AND BELIEVES HE MAY HAVE INSIDE TRACK TO CONTRACT AWARD.

2. PAE REP HAS ASKED IF EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON (A) PROJECT ITSELF, AND (B) POSSIBILITY OR ADVISABILITY OF AN AMERICAN FIRM TO OPERATE IN IRAQ.

3. EMBASSY HAS SUGGESTED THAT PAE'S WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE CONTACT NEA/ARN FOR POSSIBLE INFORMATION AND ADVICE. MEANWHILE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEE POSTS MIGHT BE ABLE PROVIDE, INCLUDING POSSIBLE TENDER NOTICE, RELATING TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARAGRAPH 2, ABOVE.

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